

**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution
Plymouth United Church of Christ
100TH Church Anniversary

WHEREAS

With humble beginnings and a deeply rooted commitment to growing the body of Christ, **Plymouth United Church of Christ** is celebrating 100 years of service in the City of Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS

Plymouth United Church of Christ was founded May 4, 1919 as the first African American Congregational Church in the state of Michigan. It was started by the nine founding members Deacon Edwards M. Hale; Mrs. Carrie L. Thompson; Mrs. Alize Harris; Mr. M.C. Graham; Mr. Farley; Mr. Joseph Shannon; Miss Thelma Benjamin; Mrs. Thomas Benjamin and Mr. Stewart Thompson; **and**

WHEREAS

Plymouth United Church of Christ from 1919 to 1957 served a multitude of people under the previous leadership of its ministers. It continued to grow spiritually and in membership under the leadership of Dr. Rev. Nicholas Hood II. He was a humanitarian and activist. He was the Senior Minister of Plymouth United Church of Christ from 1958 to 1985. In 1963 he began a housing ministry that led to the development of the Medical Center Courts apartments for low to moderate-income families. In 1975 he began construction on the Medical Center Village Apartments, town houses and senior building. His love and willingness raised the community and Plymouth to new heights; **and**

WHEREAS

Plymouth United Church of Christ elected Rev. Nicholas Hood III after his father's resignation. Under his leadership many new members have joined the church, and the involvement of young people have increased. His outlook has been ecumenical and he has borrowed from other denominations practices and introduced a return to racial roots through such practices as annual revivals, voluntary baptism by immersion in the Detroit River; **and**

WHEREAS

Plymouth United Church of Christ has been a source of spiritual support and encouragement for numerous people who have heeded the call to the ministry. The list of sons and daughters of Plymouth who have been ordained is long and impressive. Rev. Nicholas Hood III continues the tradition to serve the community through membership in numerous civic organizations. His leadership has extended the church's missionary outreach to include a personal relationship with several African nations; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and Detroit City Council congratulates Plymouth United Church of Christ on your 100th Church Anniversary. We thank you for not only making a difference in the lives of the members, but also the community at large. May God continue to bless your endeavors as you work to grow the body of Christ.

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May 19, 2019

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Testimonial Resolution ⁹⁴

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YVONNE STOKES

Fisher Magnet Lower Academy Principal

WHEREAS

Yvonne Stokes was raised in Hamtramck, Michigan and educated in the Hamtramck Public School System until high school. As a high school student she attended Cass Technical High School where she grew as a person and made life-long friends; **and**

WHEREAS

Yvonne Stokes' professional education was obtained at Eastern Michigan University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, with a ZA Endorsement in Early Childhood Education and a Masters of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership. She started her journey in education as a teacher at Howe Elementary School winning mini-grants for a classroom library, hands-on science center and a classroom computer; **and**

WHEREAS

Yvonne Stokes also traveled around the city with the Goods School Rappers, a student group that spread positive messages about staying in school and doing your best. The student rappers received "Spirit of Detroit" awards for their positive influence. Her work in developing the "L-Team" and "Lady L's" boys and girls mentoring programs pointed many students in the right direction and provided college exposure as a seed for future career possibilities; **and**

WHEREAS

Yvonne Stokes first Principal assignment was at Wilkins Elementary/Middle School on the eastside of Detroit in 2010. It was named a low achieving school. However, she rallied her staff to develop a plan to move achievement upward. By August 2013, Wilkins was no longer a low performing school. Her dedication and commitment to helping students achieve educational goals is unparalleled; **and**

WHEREAS

Yvonne Stokes in November of 2013 was named the interim Principal of Fisher Magnet Lower Academy where she has since remained Principal. After thirty years of service she will retire on June 30, 2019; **THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council recognizes Yvonne Stokes for her contribution as an educator for the children of the City of Detroit. We appreciate you for molding our next generation. May God continue to bless you in your future endeavors.

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June 12, 2019

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Testimonial Resolution

DONNA MICHELLE WHEELER

August 10, 1955 – June 2, 2019

In Memoriam

WHEREAS

Donna Michelle Wheeler was born to the union of Ed Franklin and Rubye Mae Baker in Detroit, Michigan on August 10, 1955. She was the second for four children; **and**

WHEREAS

Donna Michelle Wheeler received her education from the Detroit Public School system graduating from Southeastern High School. She furthered her education and received a Medical Assistant certificate from Crockett Adult Education. After graduation she was employed as a Teacher's Aide at Carsten Elementary School. Later she began a career as a manager for McDonalds where she was honored for her excellence in customer service and leadership skills; **and**

WHEREAS

Donna Michelle Wheeler was a devoted wife and dedicated mother and grandmother. She married the love of her life Pastor James Wheeler in 1977. This union was blessed with three beautiful children: Terri, Lamont and Dionica; **and**

WHEREAS

Donna Michelle Wheeler was a faithful woman of God. In 1984 she received Jesus Christ as her personal savior and was baptized by the late Pastor R.W. McClendon at First Progressive Baptist Church. There she grew in faith and fellowship. She joyfully served on the Progressive Usher Board until health issues arose. Afterwards she served as a member of the Mother's Board. She possessed a giving spirit. Her passion was bestowing gifts upon relatives, friends and church members; **and**

WHEREAS

It being the will of our Lord to call our beloved home after a long life of service, Donna Michelle Wheeler transitioned from this life, from labor to reward on June 2, 2019; **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and Detroit City Council expresses their deepest condolences and share their sympathy in the loss of your loved one, **Donna Michelle Wheeler**. Your loss is heaven's gain. May God bless you and comfort you during this time and always.

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June 8, 2019

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In Memoriam

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF Rev. Dr. Lawrence T. Glenn Sr.

- WHEREAS** **Rev. Dr. Lawrence T. Glenn Sr.**, was born on July 20, 1929 in Winnsboro, South Carolina. He was the youngest of ten children. **Rev. Dr. Lawrence T. Glenn Sr.**, was the pastor of Broadstreet Presbyterian Church for over thirty four years; **and**
- WHEREAS** In 1968, **Rev. Dr. Lawrence T. Glenn Sr.** was a founding member of the Black Presbyterian Caucus (Michigan Chapter, National Organization). Later, in 1976, he started and organized the first annual Broadstreet community parade, where he brought in a young Rev. Wendell Anthony to be the coordinator. The event's purpose was to focus on positive forces that enhanced the growth of our city, schools, churches, civic and social groups, neighborhood businesses and agencies. In 1981, he organized the mid-northwest community churches for the purpose of combating crime through positive programs; **and**
- WHEREAS** **Rev. Dr. Lawrence T. Glenn Sr.**, received his Doctor of Ministry Degree in 1983. He was elected to serve as moderator of the Presbytery of Detroit in 1987, and was the first African American to hold that position in the city of Detroit. **Rev. Dr. Glenn Sr.** received the Horbart Jackson Cultural Diversity Award and was responsible for building Presbyterian Villages senior housing in Detroit in 2007. He was a charter member of the Russell Woods Lions Club, where he served on the board of directors and as a member of the Management Council of the Boys and Girls Club. **Rev. Dr. Lawrence T. Glenn Sr.** marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Poor Peoples March in Detroit; **and**
- WHEREAS** **Rev. Dr. Lawrence T. Glenn Sr.** was married to Vivian Glenn for fifty-five years she preceded him in death. They were blessed with two children, Lori Glenn Harris and Lawrence T. Glenn Jr. He was a world traveler, gardener, family man and friend. He was loved by many because of what he gave to his community, the surrounding areas and will forever be missed. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED** That the **Detroit City Council and Office of Council President Brenda Jones** recognize the remarkable life and legacy of the **Rev. Dr. Lawrence T. Glenn Sr.**, a life of service that was well lived. May we continue to always remember and honor him.

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Testimonial Resolution

Honoring Father's Day Champions

"Great Faith Ministries International"

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WHEREAS: Psalm 133:1 emphatically says to us to, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" **The Brothers to Brothers Ministry** unifies the men of **Great Faith Ministries International** for their personal edification spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and intellectually to dispatch them into the world empowered and inspired; **AND**

WHEREAS: The passion and vision of Apostle Wayne T. Jackson has consistently been to empower and inspire the men of Great Faith Ministries International to be undefeated and undisputed champions as upstanding pillars in the community, as professionals in their chosen careers, and most importantly as husbands and fathers for their families; **AND**

WHEREAS: Any man can create a child, but being a father takes a lifetime. Fathers play a role in every child's life that cannot be filled by others; **AND**

WHEREAS: Fathers, like mothers, are pillars in the development of a child's emotional well-being. Involved fathers bring positive benefits to their children that no other person is as likely to bring. They provide protection, economic support and male role models; **AND**

WHEREAS: Young girls generally depend on their fathers for security and emotional support. A father shows his daughter what a good relationship with a man is like. With boys, they generally model *themselves* after their father's character; **AND**

WHEREAS: Father's Day Champions honors the men who stand up to the challenges of life and accept their God-given place as committed and undefiled priests and prophets of their households and offers men who still need guidance a blueprint for success; **AND**

RESOLVED: That **Council Member Roy McCalister Jr.**, and the entire Detroit City Council joins with **Great Faith Ministries International** in celebrating their Father's Day Champions on Sunday, June 16, 2019

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